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Scott Shane
Ohio EPA
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216-1049

RE: West Third Street Site, Cincinnati, OH

Dear Mr. Shane:

In a letter dated December 16, 2003, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) requested U.S. EPA assistance in conducting a time critical removal action at the West Third Street site, located at the 750 West Third Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. On January 20, 2004, the U.S. EPA conducted a site investigation at the West Third Street site and noted abandoned hazardous waste streams including drums and batteries containing cadmium. During the January 20, 2004 site investigation, the U.S. EPA documented a threat to public health and the environment posed from the abandoned hazardous waste.

The U.S. EPA is planning to undertake the following actions to mitigate threats posed by the presence of hazardous substances at the West Third Street site:

- 1) Develop and implement a Site Health and Safety plan, including a Site Emergency Contingency Plan;
- 2) Develop and implement a Site Security Plan;
- 3) Characterize, remove, and properly dispose of caustic and cadmium hazardous waste (drums and battery waste streams) and associated heavily-contaminated soil located at the Site in accordance with U.S. EPA's Off-Site Rule (40 CFR § 300.440);
- 4) Develop and implement an extent of contamination sampling plan to verify cleanup.

It is U.S. EPA Region V's policy to request that the Ohio EPA identify any State applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) which apply to this removal action. Any ARARs which you identify within 30 days will be complied with to the extent practicable. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 513-569-7539.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.L.R.", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Steven L. Renninger
On-Scene Coordinator